Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending April 30, 1984

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	13,940	5,825	2,600	1,194	871	374
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	1,100	352	107	29	122	33
Managerial (18,19)	628	308	136	82	63	36
Clerical (20-24)	2,383	1,947	378	305	168	131
Sales (25-29)	672	344	123	65	49	23
Services (3)	2,223	1,312	456	287	83	48
Farm (4)	195	35	14	0	7	3
Processing (5)	265	78	82	19	28	6
Machine Trade (6)	1,238	373	242	116	75	14
Benchwork (7)	1,088	726	304	199	79	54
Structural (8)	2,752	85	406	13	116	6
Miscellaneous (9)	1,312	223	313	56	80	20
Unclassified	84	42	39	23	1	0

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	April 1984	March 1984	October 1983 to April 1984
Total applicants for employment	3,003	3,784	38,407
Total nonagricultural job openings received	3,259	2,280	15,399
Job openings unfilled end of monch	3,286	2,031	XXX
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,030	1,079	7,016

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
32 SOUTH MAIN STREET
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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May 84-5

SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire increased by 1,440 from mid-April to mid-May. The 24,110 jobless workers represented 4.7 percent of the total civilian labor force of 510,880. A month ago the rate was 4.5 percent and a year ago the rate was 5.7 percent. Nationally, the rates were 7.2 percent in May, 7.6 percent in April and 9.8 percent a year ago.

Layoffs at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Project were the principal reason for the unemployment increase. Three labor market areas where the majority of the Seabrook construction workers reside registered unemployment increases of 1,900 in Portsmouth, 1,200 in Dover and 500 in Salem. However, eight other labor market areas had unemployment decreases as many seasonal establishments added on workers. These included eating and drinking places, miscellaneous retail stores and various amusement and recreation firms. In addition, numerous types of construction activities pick up in the spring months as more favorable weather conditions usually prevail.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment recorded an over the year gain of 12,600. Manufacturing was up 7,850 jobs as electrical products increased by 3,500 and machinery by 1,300. Only one manufacturing industry, leather and leather products, recorded an over the year decrease in jobs. In nonmanufacturing over the year gains were led by services with 5,500, trade with 5,400, and finance, insurance and real estate with 1,250.

Compared to last month, nonagricultural wage and salary employment remained relatively unchanged registering an increase of 100 jobs. Significant gains in the nonmanufacturing sector were nullified by the layoffs at the Seabrook Nuclear power plant, while manufacturing overall gained 100 jobs.

Manchester Economic Changes- Total unemployment decreased by 110 and the total jobless count of 3,620 represented 4.0 percent of the civilian labor force. A year ago the rate was 5.5 percent. Nonagricultural employment increased by 800 between mid-April and mid-May. Trade increased by 400 jobs and construction by 300.

Nashua Economic Changes- Total unemployment decreased by 170 workers and the jobless count of 2,450 represented 2.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Nonagricultural employment gained 500 jobs as construction and trade posted solid gains in the nonmanufacturing sector, while machinery and electrical products increased in manufacturing.

Record Fund Balance- The New Hampshire Unemployment Compensation Fund reached a new high record of $85,969,664.23 at the end of May 1984. This exceeds the previous record high of $83,944,125.29 recorded in November 1981.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural
Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester Labor Market Area					Nashua Labor Market Area				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	Month	Year	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	Month	Year	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	510,880	506,830	498,620	4,050	12,260	90,660	89,510	87,000	1,150	3,660	91,380	90,520	87,070	860	4,310
2. Unemployment	24,110	22,670	28,240	1,440	-4,130	3,620	3,730	4,750	-110	-1,130	2,450	2,620	3,910	-170	-1,460
Percent of labor force	4.7	4.5	5.7	XXX	XXX	4.0	4.2	5.5	XXX	XXX	2.7	2.9	4.5	XXX	XXX
3. Employment total	486,770	484,160	470,320	2,610	16,450	87,040	85,780	82,250	1,260	4,790	88,930	87,900	83,160	1,030	5,770
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	60	0	-60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	422,200	422,100	409,600	100	12,600	82,050	81,250	78,550	800	3,500	75,650	75,150	71,350	500	4,300
Manufacturing	120,150	119,750	112,300	400	7,850	17,200	17,200	16,450	0	750	35,600	35,350	32,850	250	2,750
Durable goods	78,400	77,900	71,550	500	6,850	10,000	9,950	9,200	50	800	28,950	28,650	26,150	300	2,800
Lumber & wood prods.	5,100	5,000	4,650	100	450										
Furniture & fixtures	1,550	1,500	1,400	50	150										
Stone & clay prods.	2,800	2,750	2,400	50	400										
Primary metal prods.	3,950	3,950	3,700	0	250										
Fabricated metal prods.	7,300	7,300	6,950	0	350										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,700	22,650	21,400	50	1,300	6,450	6,400	5,950	50	500	21,850	21,600	19,100	250	2,750
Electrical prods.	24,800	24,450	21,300	350	3,500										
Miscellaneous prods.	1,900	1,950	1,800	-50	100										
Other durables	8,300	8,350	7,950	-50	350	3,550	3,550	3,250	0	300	7,100	7,050	7,050	50	50
Nondurable goods	41,750	41,850	40,750	-100	1,000	7,200	7,250	7,250	-50	-50	6,650	6,700	6,700	-50	-50
Food & kindred prods.	2,800	2,950	2,750	-150	50										
Textile mill prods.	4,400	4,400	3,950	0	450										
Apparel	2,900	3,050	2,900	-150	0	1,900	1,950	1,950	-50	-50					
Paper & allied prods.	5,600	5,600	5,400	0	200										
Print., pub. & allied	6,850	6,700	6,750	150	100										
Leather & lea. prods.	8,500	8,600	9,100	-100	-600										
Other nondurables	10,700	10,550	9,900	150	800	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0					
Nonmanufacturing	302,050	302,350	297,300	-300	4,750	64,850	64,050	62,100	800	2,750	40,050	39,800	38,500	250	1,550
Construction (inc. min.)	18,500	21,650	*24,850	-3,150	-6,350	3,900	3,600	3,350	300	550	3,100	2,900	3,000	200	100
Trans., comm. & util.	15,450	15,400	15,150	50	300	5,150	5,050	5,000	100	150	2,000	2,000	1,950	0	50
Trade	97,700	96,400	92,300	1,300	5,400	21,950	21,550	20,800	400	1,150	14,650	14,550	13,900	100	750
Fin., ins. & real estate	22,550	22,350	21,300	200	1,250	6,400	6,350	6,200	50	200	2,450	2,400	2,200	50	250
Service industry & other	87,450	86,100	81,950	1,350	5,500	18,900	18,950	18,200	-50	700	12,500	12,600	11,950	-100	550
Government	60,400	60,450	61,750	-50	-1,350	8,550	8,550	8,550	0	0	5,350	5,350	5,500	0	-150
Federal	11,850	11,800	11,650	50	200	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100	700	700	750	0	-50
State	15,550	15,750	15,700	-200	-150	900	900	900	0	0	250	250	200	0	50
Local	33,000	32,900	34,400	100	-1,400	5,650	5,650	5,750	0	-100	4,400	4,400	4,550	0	-150

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
Benchmark March 1983

Labor Disputes:

* May 1983-Industry 17-60 workers on strike not included.

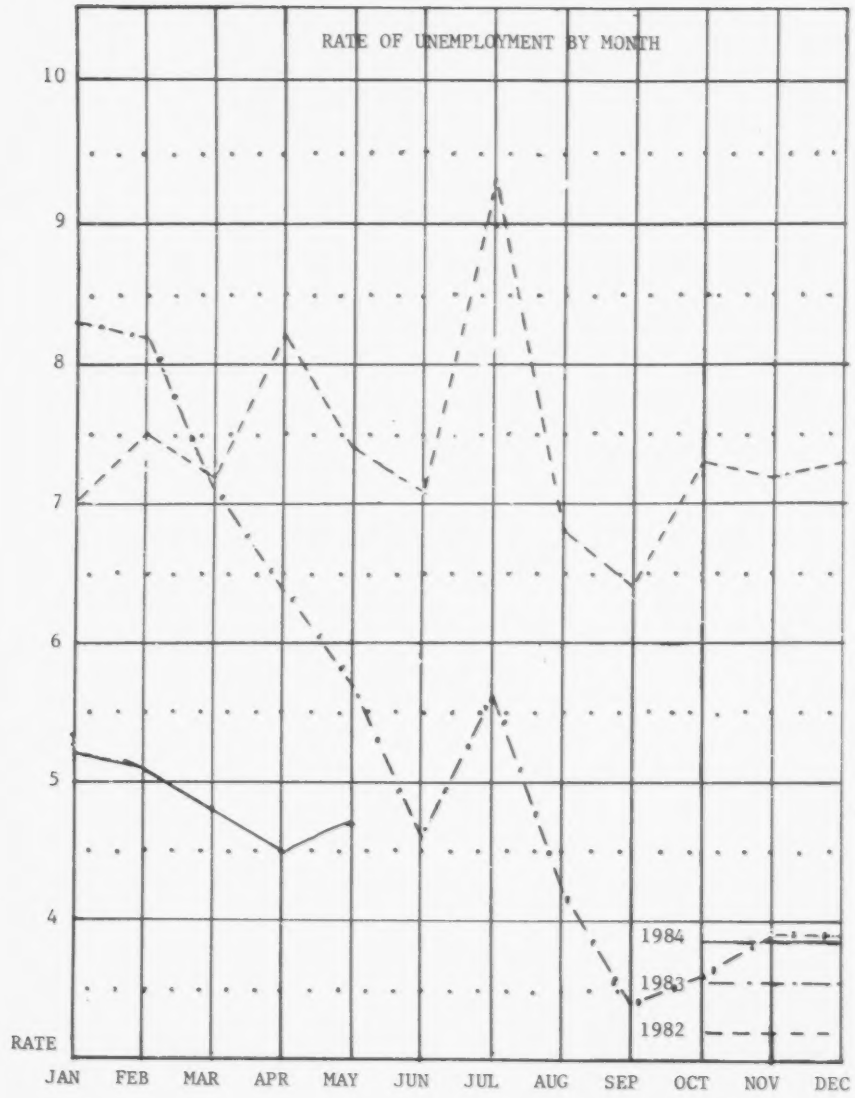
Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	May 1984		April 1984		May 1983		Numerical Change From Previous		May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Month	Year				Month	Year
United States**	8,154	7.2	8,525	7.6	10,765	9.8	-371	-2,611	113,251	112,152	110,308	1,099	2,943
New Hampshire	24,110	4.7	22,670	4.5	28,240	5.7	1,440	-4,130	510,880	506,830	498,620	4,050	12,260
Labor Market Area													
Berlin	1,640	8.4	1,710	8.9	1,990	10.4	-70	-350	19,560	19,250	19,070	310	490
Claremont	1,250	3.3	1,850	4.9	2,350	6.4	-600	-1,100	37,380	37,400	36,730	-20	650
Concord	1,530	3.4	1,680	3.7	2,000	4.6	-150	-470	45,410	45,130	43,810	280	1,600
Dover	3,690	7.9	2,490	5.5	3,070	6.8	1,200	620	46,940	45,410	44,940	1,530	2,000
Keene	1,280	3.3	1,510	3.9	2,030	5.3	-230	-750	38,970	39,010	38,190	-40	780
Laconia	1,320	3.0	1,750	4.1	2,320	5.3	-430	-1,000	44,020	42,980	43,750	1,040	270
Littleton	1,040	7.3	1,440	10.1	1,340	9.5	-400	-300	14,340	14,190	14,120	150	220
Manchester	3,620	4.0	3,730	4.2	4,750	5.5	-110	-1,130	90,660	89,510	87,000	1,150	3,660
Nashua	2,450	2.7	2,620	2.9	3,910	4.5	-170	-1,460	91,380	90,520	87,070	860	4,310
Portsmouth	4,450	8.1	2,550	4.5	2,630	4.6	1,900	1,820	54,940	57,020	56,870	-2,080	-1,930
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA***	1,840	6.7	1,340	5.1	1,850	6.8	500	-10	27,280	26,410	27,070	870	210
County													
Belknap	780	3.5	980	4.5	1,210	5.4	-200	-430	22,490	21,970	22,250	520	240
Carroll	660	4.8	760	5.6	960	7.1	-100	-300	13,780	13,530	13,590	250	190
Cheshire	1,210	3.5	1,410	4.0	1,930	5.6	-200	-720	34,960	34,990	34,310	-30	650
Coos	1,640	9.5	1,810	10.6	1,760	10.5	-170	-120	17,310	17,090	16,730	220	580
Grafton	1,320	3.9	1,710	5.1	2,060	6.1	-390	-740	34,270	33,710	33,650	560	620
Hillsborough	5,110	3.2	5,340	3.3	7,690	5.0	-230	-2,580	162,180	162,450	155,340	1,730	6,840
Merrimack	1,640	3.2	1,900	3.7	2,370	4.7	-260	-730	51,990	51,540	50,440	450	1,550
Rockingham	7,700	6.8	5,190	4.6	5,820	5.2	2,510	1,880	112,420	113,140	112,580	-720	-160
Strafford	3,220	7.7	2,240	5.5	2,770	6.9	980	450	42,070	40,790	40,380	1,280	1,690
Sullivan	830	4.3	1,330	6.8	1,670	8.6	-500	-840	19,410	19,620	19,350	-210	60

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester Labor Market Area includes the city of Manchester and towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Raymond and Weare.

Nashua Labor Market Area is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Lyndeboro, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Ipswich, Pelham, Temple and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1984	1983	1982	1981
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - May	305.4			
Percent change from year ago	3.1			
Year average		297.4	288.6	272.3
Percent increase each year		3.0	6.0	10.2
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - May	309.7			
Percent change from year ago	4.2			
Year average		298.4	289.1	272.4
Percent increase each year		3.2	6.1	10.4

Table

Population Estimates for Youth by Sex and County
With Percent Distribution

1985

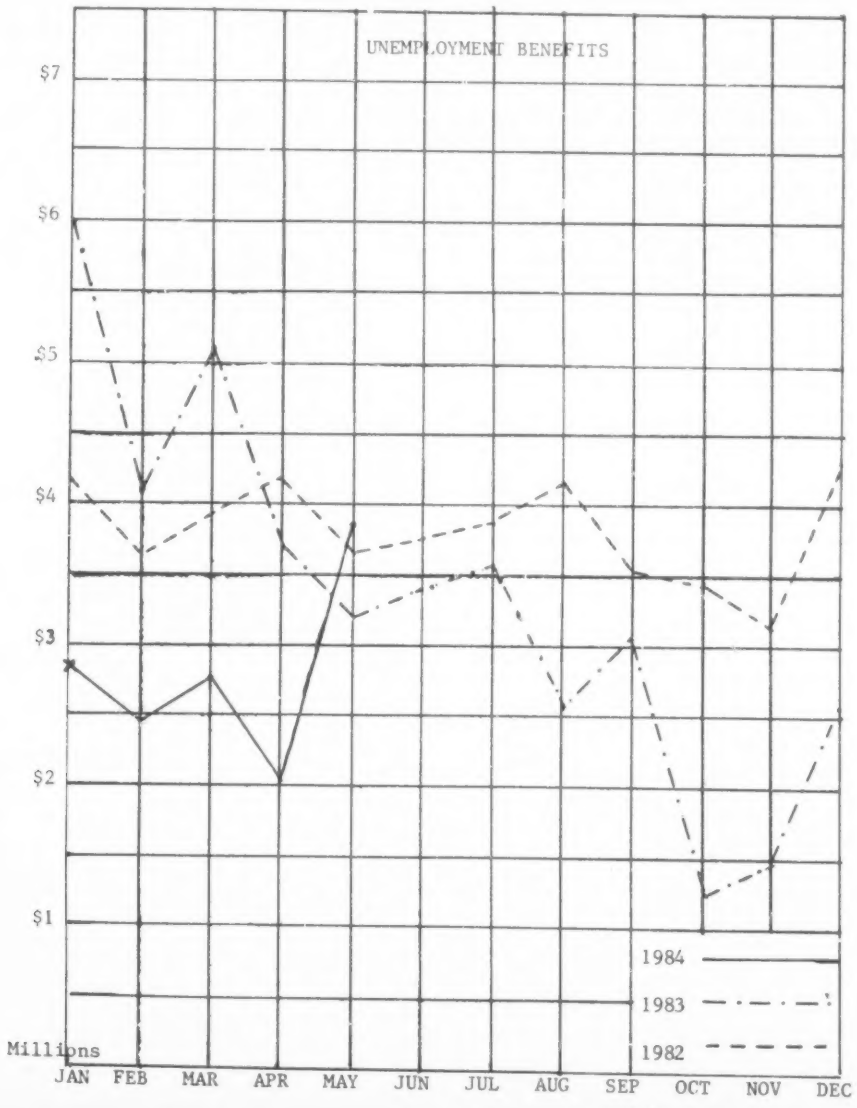
Area	Age 14-15	Percent	Age 16-19	Percent	Age 16-21	Percent
New Hampshire	31,131	100.0	65,177	100.0	97,344	100.0
Female	15,188	100.0	31,708	100.0	47,262	100.0
Male	15,943	100.0	33,469	100.0	50,082	100.0
Belknap	1,309	4.2	2,485	3.8	3,686	3.8
Female	621	4.1	1,156	3.6	1,713	3.6
Male	688	4.3	1,329	4.0	1,973	3.9
Carroll	760	2.4	1,594	2.4	2,313	2.4
Female	376	2.5	782	2.5	1,127	2.4
Male	384	2.4	812	2.4	1,186	2.4
Cheshire	2,120	6.8	4,559	7.0	6,742	6.9
Female	1,086	7.2	2,480	7.8	3,564	7.5
Male	1,034	6.5	2,079	6.2	3,178	6.3
Coos	1,056	3.4	1,939	3.0	2,940	3.0
Female	510	3.4	953	3.0	1,437	3.0
Male	546	3.4	986	2.9	1,503	3.0
Grafton	2,501	8.0	6,287	9.6	9,440	9.7
Female	1,202	7.9	2,944	9.3	4,007	8.5
Male	1,299	8.1	3,343	10.0	5,433	10.8
Hillsborough	9,483	30.5	18,754	28.8	27,543	28.3
Female	4,670	30.7	9,092	28.7	13,446	28.4
Male	4,813	30.2	9,662	28.9	14,097	28.1
Merrimack	3,180	10.2	6,555	10.1	9,615	9.9
Female	1,595	10.5	3,435	10.8	5,018	10.6
Male	1,585	9.9	3,120	9.3	4,597	9.2
Rockingham	6,250	20.1	12,454	19.1	19,260	19.8
Female	3,032	19.0	5,996	18.9	9,117	19.3
Male	3,218	20.2	6,458	19.3	10,143	20.3
Strafford	3,306	10.6	8,465	13.0	12,697	13.0
Female	1,535	10.1	3,816	12.0	6,266	13.3
Male	1,771	11.1	4,649	13.9	6,431	12.8
Sullivan	1,166	3.8	2,085	3.2	3,108	3.2
Female	561	4.6	1,054	3.4	1,567	3.4
Male	605	3.9	1,031	3.1	1,541	3.2
Balance of State	21,648	69.5	46,423	71.2	69,801	71.7
Female	10,518	69.3	22,616	71.3	33,816	71.6
Male	11,130	69.8	23,807	71.1	35,985	71.9

Source: Lawrence-Berkeley Laboratory, Labor Market Projections 1985

Weekly Claims Filed During
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	4,105	34,580	20	103	7	23	23	102	18	97
Berlin	280	2,558	2	9	0	1	1	10	0	10
Claremont	112	1,184	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	0
Concord	276	1,865	1	22	0	3	2	6	1	2
Dover	653	5,454	3	17	2	7	7	29	3	41
Keene	146	989	2	8	1	9	0	9	0	0
Laconia	168	1,241	4	9	0	0	1	3	0	0
Lebanon	40	342	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Littleton	114	1,362	0	27	0	0	0	1	0	1
Manchester	555	3,619	4	2	1	0	4	8	3	13
Nashua	228	1,169	0	0	1	0	3	5	0	1
Portsmouth	795	9,155	1	5	2	3	4	27	6	9
Salem	92	874	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Not included above: Liable Interstate	646	4,768	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	16

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $116.48



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End Of Month
$85,969,664.23

Net contributions received during month:
$ 9,722,728.51

Net benefits paid during month:
$ 3,857,825.27

Interest Received:
$ 1,876,463.11

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983
	$	$	$				$	$	$
All manufacturing	314.57	316.88	291.60	40.8	41.1	40.0	7.71	7.71	7.29
Durable goods	330.79	334.40	303.16	41.4	41.8	40.1	7.99	8.00	7.56
Lumber & wood prods.	243.51	242.19	229.52	38.9	39.0	39.1	6.26	6.21	5.87
Furniture & fixtures	271.52	274.13	260.84	38.9	39.5	38.7	6.98	6.94	6.74
Stone & clay prods.	318.37	327.94	311.33	41.4	42.7	42.3	7.69	7.68	7.36
Primary metal prods.	346.09	354.76	331.25	43.1	44.4	43.3	8.03	7.99	7.65
Fab. metal prods.	303.40	309.89	294.33	41.0	41.1	40.1	7.40	7.54	7.34
Mach. (exc. elec.)	376.14	380.51	345.24	44.2	44.4	42.0	8.51	8.57	8.22
Electrical prods.	327.95	332.07	292.99	39.8	40.3	38.4	8.24	8.24	7.63
Miscellaneous prods.	261.19	252.47	223.56	43.1	41.8	37.7	6.06	6.04	5.93
Other durables	350.55	352.80	312.83	41.0	41.9	39.8	8.55	8.42	7.86
Nondurable goods	288.48	288.48	272.74	39.9	39.9	39.7	7.23	7.23	6.87
Food & kindred prods.	389.16	372.71	387.99	42.3	40.6	41.9	9.20	9.18	9.26
Textile mill prods.	259.60	266.26	252.14	40.0	40.9	41.2	6.49	6.51	6.12
Apparel	206.46	206.97	194.53	37.0	37.7	37.7	5.58	5.49	5.16
Paper & allied prods.	427.16	438.14	384.75	47.2	48.2	45.0	9.05	9.09	8.55
Print., pub. & allied	291.26	298.82	287.73	39.2	40.6	39.2	7.43	7.36	7.34
Leather & lea. prods.	191.89	180.15	190.21	35.8	33.8	36.3	5.36	5.33	5.24
Footwear	182.15	168.32	180.22	35.3	33.2	35.9	5.16	5.07	5.02
Other nondurables	313.50	318.94	296.06	40.4	41.1	40.5	7.76	7.76	7.31

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 48

Total Production Workers: 85,992

Firms Reporting: 276

Manchester Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983
	$	$	$				$	$	$
All manufacturing	291.36	292.00	274.48	38.9	39.3	39.1	7.49	7.43	7.02
Durable goods	305.75	306.46	295.26	39.3	39.8	39.9	7.78	7.70	7.40
Mach. & elec. prods.	314.82	317.16	302.06	39.8	40.3	40.6	7.91	7.87	7.44
Other durables	288.40	288.25	282.55	38.3	38.9	38.6	7.53	7.41	7.32
Nondurable goods	274.12	272.90	251.36	38.5	38.6	38.2	7.12	7.07	6.58
Textiles & apparel	255.06	254.56	234.99	39.0	39.9	39.1	6.54	6.38	6.01
Other nondurables	281.47	279.65	257.34	38.4	38.1	37.9	7.33	7.34	6.79

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 54

Total Production Workers: 12,495

Firms Reporting: 38

Nashua Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983
	$	$	$				$	$	$
All manufacturing	379.31	384.47	347.99	41.5	41.7	40.7	9.14	9.22	8.55
Durable goods	386.97	390.35	355.06	42.2	42.2	41.0	9.17	9.25	8.66
Mach. & elec. prods.	413.13	418.58	391.52	41.9	41.9	41.3	9.86	9.99	9.48
Other durables	323.14	320.14	284.92	42.8	42.8	40.3	7.55	7.48	7.07
Nondurable goods	353.07	363.37	324.72	39.1	39.8	39.6	9.03	9.13	8.20

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 50

Total Production Workers: 20,504

Firms Reporting: 55